

# **COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT

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December 12, 2006

The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012

**Dear Supervisors:** 

APPROVE AND ACCEPT ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL AID AND GRANT FUNDS AND APPROVE THE ATTACHED APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT TO RECOGNIZE REVENUE IN THE FIRE DISTRICT'S LIFEGUARD AND SPECIAL OPERATIONS BUDGET UNITS

(ALL DISTRICTS) (4 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY (DISTRICT):

- 1. Accept a \$50,000 grant from the California Department of Boating and Waterways (B&W) for the purpose of purchasing equipment for the District's Lifeguard Division Rescue Boat operations, and authorize the Fire Chief to enter into the agreement with the California Department of B&W for this grant.
- 2. Accept and approve \$80,000 in FEMA '06 grant funds to purchase a Semi-Trailer and two Thermal Imaging Cameras.
- 3. Approve the Appropriation Adjustment (Attachment) to recognize \$50,000 of grant funds plus \$620,000 of additional financial aid, for a total of \$670,000 from the California Department of B&W in the District's Lifeguard Budget Unit and \$80,000 from FEMA in the District's Special Operations Budget Unit.

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# PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The appropriation adjustment will provide adequate funding to address the expenditures noted below.

### Lifeguard Budget Unit

Boating & Waterways Grant

The \$50,000 B&W grant funds will be used to purchase three Marine Thermal Imaging Cameras. These cameras will assist the Lifeguard Rescue Boat operations in maintaining state-of-the-art public safety to the boating and beach community within Los Angeles County. The cameras will enable lifeguards to spot potential hazards in marine firefighting operations and will increase emergency responder safety and the safety of the public.

Boating & Waterways Financial Aid

As a result of the recent increase to the State's funding to offset costs of the Lifeguard's boating safety and enforcement program needs this fiscal year, \$620,000 of one-time funds are now available to address deferred lifeguard facility improvement projects, including privacy and access upgrades for female employees, purchase of personal protective equipment for our ocean lifeguards and two prefabricated structures for equipment/vehicle storage, in addition to the replacement of a burned lifeguard tower.

# **Special Operations Budget Unit**

• <u>Semi-Trailer</u>

The purchase of the Semi-Trailer at a cost of \$50,000 will be offset by FEMA '06 grant revenue. The semi-trailer will be used for cache movement, which is critical in ensuring the District's Urban Search and Rescue team is deployed in a timely manner.

Thermal Imaging Cameras

The purchase of two Thermal Imaging Cameras at a cost of \$30,000 will be offset by FEMA '06 grant revenue. The use of these cameras is mandated by FEMA and will assist the District's Urban Search and Rescue efforts.

# Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the recommended actions is consistent with the County's Strategic Goal #4 for Fiscal Responsibility and Goal #8 for Public Safety.

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#### FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

With your Board's approval of the attached Appropriation Adjustments, sufficient funding will be available in the District's Lifeguard and Special Operations Budget Units to fund the purchase of three Marine Thermal Imaging Cameras for the Lifeguard Rescue Boats, one Semi-Trailer for the Urban Search and Rescue team and two Thermal Imaging Cameras for the District's Urban Search and Rescue efforts. There is no impact on net County cost.

### FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

The Chief Administrative Office and Auditor-Controller have reviewed the recommended actions.

#### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES:**

Approval of these recommendations will ensure the District's ability to provide effective and essential levels of public safety to the residents of Los Angeles County.

#### **CONCLUSION:**

Upon approval by the Board of Supervisors, please instruct the Executive Officer to return adopted copies of this letter to the following offices:

- Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County Materials Management Division 5801 S. Eastern Avenue, Suite 100 Commerce, CA 90040 Attention: James Ealey, Division Chief
- Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County Financial Management Division 5801 S. Eastern Avenue, Suite 130 Commerce, CA 90040 Attention: Helen E. Jo, Division Chief
- Internal Services Department
   Purchasing Division
   1100 N. Eastern Avenue, Room 102
   Los Angeles, CA 90063
   Attention: Joe Sandoval, Division Manager

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In addition, please instruct the Executive Officer to return a copy of the certified Minute Order of the Board approved motion to:

Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County Lifeguard Division 2300 Ocean Front Walk Venice, CA 90291 Attention: Mike Frazer, Chief Lifeguard

Respentfully submitted,

P. MICHAEL FREEMAN

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**Attachment** 

c: Chief Administrative Office Auditor-Controller County Counsel

Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors





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The Appropriation Adjustment is necessary to recognize additional Financial Aid from the California Department of Boating & Waterways (B&W) and to recognize grant revenue from B&W and FRMA.

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Theresa Barrera, Assistant Chief, FMD

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

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### 4-VOTE Fiscal Year 2006-07

# SOURCES:

Fire Department Lifeguard Ended Unit-Revenue - State-Other DA1-FR-40055-8831 \$ 670,000

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Special Operations Budyd UnitRevenue - Federal-Other
DA1-FR-40041-9001
\$ 80,000

#### USES:

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Fixed Assets - Equipment
DA1-FR-40055-6030
\$ 80,000

Fire Department - Lifeguard buyd thit Services & Supplies DA1-FR-40055-2000 \$ 590,000

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Fixed Assets - Equipment
DA1-FR-40041-6030
\$ 80,000